3. The capital cost will be shared equally between the Centre and the States. The operation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the States.

"Gomti and Ganga cleaning Plan"

*147. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gomti (Uttar Pradesh) and Ganga Cleaning Plan is not going according to schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what amount has been spent so far on the above plans separately; and

(d) by when, the above projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) 261 schemes have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan for the River Ganga. This Plan does not cover River Gomti. 159 schemes have been completed so far. While there is some slippage in some schemes due to reasons such as litigation in courts, the others are keeping up the schedule.

(c) An amount of about Rs. 215 crores has been spent so far under Ganga Action Plan.

(d) It is expected that the remaining schemes would be completed by June, 1993.

Proposal to Import Telecommunication equipment from Japan

*148. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to import telecommunication equipment from Japan;

(b) if so, what are the details of equipment which is proposed to be imported and the cost of the import bill;

(c) whether any other country was also contacted for procuring the equipment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposals to import telecommunication equipment from Japan are as follows:

NEAX

There is a proposal to import 1,41,900 lines of expansion of existing 159 exchanges of NEAX type. The f.o.b. cost of the import is Japanese Yen 1563 million. Since these equipment are for expansion of existing exchanges, a quotation from the original supplier was obtained. The financing for this proposal would be from OECF credit. Orders for this equipment will be placed only after obtaining due clearances of the Government and the Financing Agencies.

CTMX

In order to modernise the Manual Trunk Exchanges, the Department decided in 1987 to import fully automatic Operator assisted computerised digital trunk manual exchanges (CTMX) for 8 big cities. Accordingly global tenders were issued in 1987 under loan from Asian Development Bank after getting the concurrence from the associated Ministries. However, before the orders could be placed, the Telecom Commission was formed who decided not to import the items which could be developed in the country. Consequently the procurement of CTMX exchanges was dropped and the ADB intimated about the dropping of this proposal. However, the development of this equipment indigenously did not materialise and therefore the proposal to import CTMX was revived. A Japanese company was the lowest approved party in the earlier tender. However, the proposal is still in a preliminary stage.

"Committee for examining measures to check pollution"

*150. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT

AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee for examining the measures needed to check pollution from vehicles in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of the members of the committee and the terms of reference in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tardy dam catchment reforestation at Narmada

*151. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been concern at the Tardy Dam catchment reforestation at Narmada and if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to arrange a high powered meeting of various interest groups including Baba Amte to fill an amicable solution to this gigantic problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Action Plans for the phased catchment area treatment and the compensatory afforestation for the Sardar Sarovar Project have been drawn up. About 5400 ha. of the forest and non-forest land from the catchment area has already been treated.

(b) Shri Baba Amte was invited for discussion at Delhi on 23rd January, 1991, in the context of resettlement of project-affected persons and the measures for environmental improvement in the Narmada basin. But he turned down the invitation.

"Non-observance of environment norms by the sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra"

*152. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra are not observing environment norms;

(b) whether non-observance of these norms has polluted the environment around these sugar mills;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against these sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) According to the available information, in Uttar Pradesh out of 105 sugar mills, 47 units have installed effiuent treatment plants (ETP's), 29 units have either partial ETP's or their ETPs are under construction, and the remaining 24 units have no ETPs. In Maharashtra, out of 95 sugar mills, 29 have installed ETPs, 2 units have partial ETP facilities and the remaiing 4 units have no ETP.

(b) The Government have received complaints about odour nuisance from persons living around sugar mills.

(c) and (d) A time bound action plan for control of pollution has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

चकमा शरणार्थियों की स्वदेश वापसी

*153. श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बंगलादेश में बदली हुई राजनैतिक परिस्थिति को देखते हुये, भारत में रह रहे चकमा शरणार्थियों ने स्वदेश लौटने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है ;